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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: RUTH ANN AMBS, BPR #24289**  
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**KNOX COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED**

On June 25, 2015, Ruth Ann Ambs, formerly of Knoxville, was publicly censured by the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Ruth Ann Ambs on January 21, 2015, based upon one (1) complaint of misconduct alleging a failure to reasonably communicate with her client, to refund unearned fees and to provide professional services for which she was retained. Ms. Ambs entered a conditional guilty plea, approved by a Hearing Panel for the Board, the Board and the Supreme Court, admitting she violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 (communication), 1.16(d)(6) (declining and terminating representation), and 8.4(a) (misconduct). In mitigation, Ms. Ambs experienced significant health issues and refunded her unearned fee.

On October 3, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order temporarily suspending Ms. Ambs' license to practice law for failure to respond to the Board concerning the complaint of misconduct. Ms. Ambs' temporary suspension was dissolved by the June 25, 2015 Order of Enforcement.

A Public Censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.